Criteria for establishment of duty-free shops

88. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices are not the criteria to decide about duty-free shops at International Airports; and

(b) if so, what are the different criteria on which this decision is based and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Prices of the commodities sold at the duty free shops are not the criteria to decide about the allotment of duty free shops at International Airports but their minimum reserve licence fee quoted by the pre-qualified bidders in such tenders. For pre-qualification purposes, some of the criteria are the gross turnover of parties, experience in running such duty free shops, financial soundness etc.

Office for Minister of State at Jammu

89. SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India has agreed to set up an office for Minister of State for Civil Aviation at Jammu; and

(b) if so, under what provision of Law and Rules such an office with the staff car, a driver, office Assistant and telephone with STD facilities can be opened and maintained at public cost?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Delay in commissioning of second runway at Calcutta Airport

90. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Calcutta Airport is not being recognised as international airport because the newly constructed second runway could not be inaugurated as a place of worship comes in the way;

(b) whether people attending the prayers there have an